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ject to the implied limitation that the character of the way as a "road" shall be maintained, and hence the county court had no jurisdiction to establish a bridle way "for horseback travel."

3. Same—Obstruction of Road by Landowners—Injunction.—Where the county authorities had never recognized a proposed route, along which the county court, acting without jurisdiction, had directed the opening of a road "for horseback travel," as a public road, nor made any appropriation for its location, construction, or maintenance, and the proceedings, so far as the public were concerned, had to all intents and purposes been abandoned years before the institution of a suit to enjoin the owners of the lands over which the path passed from obstructing the same, no legal ground for the relief prayed existed.

4. Same—User—Revocable License.—The mere user of a road by the public, for however long a time, will not constitute it a public road, as a mere permission to the public by the owner of land to pass over a road thereon is, without more, to be regarded as a mere license, revocable at pleasure.

[Ed. Note.—For cases in point, see vol. 25, Cent. Dig. Highways, §§ 1, 6, 10.]

5. Dedication—Highway—Acceptance by County Court—Necessity for.—A road dedicated to the public must be accepted by the county court on its records before it can be a public road.

[Ed. Note.—For cases in point, see vol. 15, Cent. Dig. Dedication, §§ 69, 70.]

BRYAN *v.* AUGUSTA PERPETUAL BUILDING & LOAN CO.

Nov. 23, 1905.

[52 S. E. 357.]

1. Adverse Possession—Defects in Title.—Defects in a person's title to land are cured by lapse of time, where he has been in the uninterrupted, honest, and adverse possession of the land under color of title for over 25 years.

2. Building and Loan Association—Usury—Statutory Provisions.—A subscriber for 27 shares of stock of a building association, of the par value of \$100 each, borrowed of the association \$2,700, secured by the stock and a deed of trust. The subscriber agreed to pay, until the stock was paid up, interest in quarterly installments of \$40.50 each and quarterly dues of \$225 each. Held, that the contract was not usurious, under acts 1893-94, p. 560, c. 516 [Va. Code 1904, p. 614, § 1180aa], authorizing building associations to fix the bonus at which they will dispose of the money in their treasury and lend to any member to the value of any shares held by him less the bonus.